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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20TH JANUARY 2019

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Today's Gospel presents the first of Jesus' miracles - the changing of water into wine at Cana. The divinity of Jesus is manifest in this sign, his glory is revealed, "and his disciples began to believe in him."

In our second reading, Paul reminds us that God has generously lavished "in everyone" gifts of "different workings". These gifts are not our personal property to be used only for personal reasons - they are given to us for the purpose of our participation in Christ's mission, and are ways that God can work through us to answer prayers and create miracles where they are needed. There are many things in life that are beyond human control - miracles can only happen when God intervenes and makes them possible. Jesus asked the servants at Cana to do something well within their power - "Fill the jars with water" - and then leave the rest to him. Like them, we too can be instruments through which miracles are performed if we trust in him, and obey him.

In a sense, this reading can be seen as having two distinct and significant parts: one before Christ, and another after Christ. The opening scene is one of emptiness; and the second is marked by abundance - and what brings about the difference between the two parts is the intervention of Jesus. The six stone jars are filled to the brim - jars so big they would hold plenty if filled anywhere near the top. But Jesus filled them to the brim, with the very best wine! The empty jars represent all the empty places in our lives, and our longing to be filled with something more - in this miracle, Jesus is promising us that if we trust in him, he will fill us to the brim with the joy and peace that only God can give. This is always God's way - to give us much more than we ask for, and so much more than we deserve.

SAFEGUARDING REPS.

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Entrance Antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

1st Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Response to Psalm: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Communion Antiphon: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Next Sunday's Readings

Nehemiah 8:2-6. 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:20-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £447.16; Loose Plate: £363.79; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1514.03**

Mill End: Envelopes: £276.20; Loose Plate: £204.87; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £658.03**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of December - **£2550.94**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 20TH JANUARY	12.30pm	SVP Community Lunch - Hall	St John's School
MON 21ST JANUARY	10.30am - 11.30am 8.00pm	Mum's Connect - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 22ND JANUARY	7.30pm 7.30pm - 9.30pm	RCIA Alpha - Hall	St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 23RD JANUARY			
THU 24TH JANUARY	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 25TH JANUARY	10.00am 7.00pm - 8.45pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Alpha Youth - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 26TH JANUARY	10.30am - 11.30am 5.30pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Confessions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 19 TH JANUARY	10.00am Geraldine McFarlane (Ints.)	6pm (Vigil) Jim Colton RIP	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 20 TH JANUARY <i>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Powell Family (Ints.) 11am Bill Farrell RIP (Anniv.) 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am Graham & Margaret Hughes RIP	9am Christine Goodenough RIP
MONDAY 21 ST JANUARY <i>ST AGNES, VIRGIN & MARTYR</i>	9.30am For the Unity of All Christians	9.30am Bill Farrell RIP (Anniv.)	
TUESDAY 22 ND JANUARY	9.30am Fr Bob Barry RIP		NO MASS TODAY
WEDNESDAY 23 RD JANUARY		NO MASS TODAY	
THURS 24 TH JANUARY <i>ST FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP & DOCTOR</i>	9.30am Joseph Donnelly RIP (Anniv.)		
FRIDAY 25 TH JANUARY <i>THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE</i>	9.30am Mary Robinson RIP		NO MASS TODAY
SATURDAY 26 TH JANUARY <i>SS TIMOTHY & TITUS, BISHOPS</i>	10.00am Benjamin Roy (Ints.)	6pm (Vigil) Joe Furey & Family (Ints.)	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 27 TH JANUARY <i>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Fr Bob Barry RIP 6pm For the People of the Parish	10.30am Mary Reardon RIP	9am Justin O'Neil RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

Our Lady Help of Christians: Kathleen Collins, Wendy Goldsmith, Kathy Wright, Brenda Reynolds, Olive Cordery, Neville Mathews, Agnes Harper, Eileen Durkan, Ginny Goodgol, Maria Wallis, Heather Kean, Olive Kiener, John Caneparo, Henry Cutting, Christina Thomas, Nalene Nixon, Pam Bell and Joan Townend.

St John the Evangelist: Rita Murray; Imogen Bailey, Harry Lennon, John Connor, Michael Dixon, Mary Gardner, Robert Gibson and Jimmy Hughes.

St John Fisher: Nora O'Toole, Francis De Souza, Georgina Kelham, Pete Murray, Steve Kibbey, Matthew Leone, Jean-Pierre Roche, Fr Peter Stevens, Angela Hoy, Pat Finucane, Colin Dowling, Kitty Finucane, Don Williamson, Betty McGuinness, Anne Trenchard, Vicky Williams and Paul Kennett.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

CLIVE POWELL-WILLIAMS RIP

The funeral of Clive Powell-Williams will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians at 11.00am on Monday 4th February, followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

A number of events will be happening locally to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend all or any of these events, as we pray together for the unity of all Christians.

Sunday 20th January - 3.30pm, St Mary's, Rickmansworth

Opening Service for the Week of Prayer Evening Prayer with hymns, followed by Refreshments

Monday 21st January - 9.30am, Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth

Mass, with Prayer Intention for the Unity of All Christians

Tuesday 22nd January - 9.30am, St Mary's, Rickmansworth

Said Holy Communion, followed by Refreshments

Wednesday 23rd January - 8am, Mill End Baptist Church

Morning Prayer (8-9am): An informal gathering in our Front Room which starts with the reading and discussing of a Psalm followed by open prayer for the needs of the church, community, nation and world.

Wednesday 23rd January - 10.30am, High Street Baptist Church, Rickmansworth

The church is open for silent meditation and private prayer.

Saturday 26th January - 9.30am, St Peter's, Mill End

The Rosary

ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS TO THE JOINT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (JPPC)

The Annual Parish Meetings (APM) of the three parishes will take place as follows:

Mill End – Sunday 17th February at 12 noon, Rickmansworth – Sunday 24th February at 3.00pm and Chorleywood – Monday 11th March at 8.00pm

At each APM respectively two parishioners will be elected to serve on the new JPPC. They will be joined by the two continuing members from the existing parish pastoral councils, who will serve a further two years. Nominations are now open for two new places on the JPPC in each parish. Parishioners may nominate themselves or another parishioner. Due to the specific nature of the role of the JPPC in strategically planning the development of our on-going parish renewal, it is essential that the nominees share the vision for the Divine Renovation model of parish renewal. The particular expectations on JPPC members are set out in the JPPC Terms of Reference, which can be found on the Pastoral Council page of each parish website. Please be sure to read these before nominating yourself or someone else. Nominations can be made either directly to me, or through the respective Chairs of the current three pastoral councils:

Rickmansworth – Paul Burke – rickmansworthppcchair@rcdow.org.uk

Chorleywood – Peter Mackie – chorleywoodppcchair@rcdow.org.uk

Mill End – Bob Livingston – millendppcchair@rcdow.org.uk

Nominations may be made in person, by letter or by email. If you are nominating another parishioner please be sure that they are willing to stand before nominating them. Please pray for our parishes as we prepare enter this new and exciting phase of our parish renewal. *Fr Shaun*

ALPHA 2019!

Alpha begins this Tuesday 22nd January at Our Lady's church hall at 7.30-9.30pm. Alpha is an opportunity to explore life's big questions. Each session includes food (so please come hungry!), an engaging video designed to generate conversation, and a discussion time where you can say whatever you like or nothing at all. There are still a few places left so there are registration forms available at the back of church again today. Please complete a form and hand in to the Alpha team at the back of church today. Places are being prioritised for those who have never done Alpha before. If you have any questions please contact Mike and Leona Roche at chessvalleyalpha@rcdow.org.uk.

THREE PARISH BURNS NIGHT - LAST CALL FOR TICKETS - FRIDAY 25TH JANUARY, 7PM TO LATE

Scottish dancers, a piper, welcome glass of bubbles, professionally catered three course meal and whiskey toast included. Dress to impress (black tie optional), licensed bar and music to late. £40 per ticket. Venue is Chorleywood Memorial Hall. Email adrian@justparkers.co.uk to book your place and arrange payment by cheque or bank transfer. Menu choices available. THE DEADLINE IS TUESDAY. All profits to the Alzheimer's Society.

Raffle Donations - can you donate a raffle prize for our Burns Night? We would welcome bottles of whiskey/champagne, unwanted vouchers etc. Please contact Adrian before Tuesday adrian@justparkers.co.uk or 07503 898689

ALPHA YOUTH

Alpha Youth is a place to explore the big questions of life, faith, and meaning. In a series of 10 sessions you will be able to ask every question you want to ask, and say anything you want to say. Every evening starts with a hot meal (come hungry - free of charge, donations welcome), followed by a game, a good video and great conversation. No pressure, no judgment, no wrong answers. Practical details: every Friday from 7.00pm until 8.45pm, 25th January until 29th March 2019, at Our Lady's parish hall. Please let Anke know if you're planning to attend (ankevos@rcdow.org.uk) so we can count you in for catering. The course includes an overnight in Pinner Friday evening 1st March until Saturday evening 2nd March.

CONFIRMATION 2019

We are now beginning the process of application for the Confirmation programme for 2019. To be eligible the candidates should be beginning to build a habit of prayer and involvement in the life of the Church, be in Year 9 or above, and must have been baptised in the Catholic Church. Those young people who wish to be confirmed, and meet these requirements, should write a letter (no emails please) to Fr Shaun answering one of these two questions:

- 1) What type of Christian man or woman do you envision being in the future?
- 2) What steps do you need to take to get closer to God?

Please be sure to include your full name, address and the email address and phone number of a parent. The closing date by which you must have written to Fr Shaun is **Monday 21st January 2019**. No applications will be considered after this date.

SVP MEETING

The SVP meeting on Tuesday 22nd January has been cancelled. The next SVP meeting will be on **Thursday 14th February** at 7.45pm at St John the Evangelist.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

THE AFTERPARTY

The Afterparty resumes on **Sunday 3rd February** after the 6.00pm Mass so starts at about 7.00pm, in the parish hall just behind Our Lady's church. There will be tea and hot chocolate waiting for you, as well as ping pong and table football. Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

CRÉCHE

There is a creche for small children under the age of 5 during the first half of the 11.00am Mass. Everyone is welcome! We would be very grateful for any parents willing to volunteer to join the rota. The Sunday School liturgy group runs at the same time for children of Reception age upwards. Both groups are a brilliant way for your children to make friends and enjoy church! If you would like to volunteer (you will need to undergo a DBS check), please contact Liz Purtill at lizpurtill@yahoo.co.uk. Thank you.

STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

Many thanks to all who have saved their used stamps for the Missions. Everyone's small contributions can make a difference. The box is in the church porch. Please keep them coming! *Sheila Harrington.*

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon and sausage rolls) will take place on **Sunday 27th January** after 10.30am Mass. All proceeds raised will go to Aid to the Church in Need. We hope that you will come and join us!

WEEKDAY MASS

There will be no Mass here on Wednesday 23rd January.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

RITA REECE RIP

We are sorry to have learned of the death of Rita Reece of Amersham. In past years Rita regularly attended weekly and Sunday Masses at St John Fisher and was our good friend. If you knew her and would like to join a small group at her funeral Mass at Chesham Bois at 11.30am on Thursday 31st January, please contact Mary Latimer on 284975.

WEEKDAY MASS

There will be no Mass here on Tuesday 22nd January, Friday 25th January and Tuesday 29th January.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FROM THE LATEST LADIES' MEETING

Friday 25th January, Burn's Night; Thursday, 31st January, Rita Reece funeral; 12th February, next Ladies' Meeting; Friday 1st March, Women's Word Day of Prayer at St Andrew's (info on time later); Good Friday, 19th April 11am hospitality to worshippers from the Crossroads (can you help?); 12th - 18th May, Christian Aid Week; Saturday 30th November, Charity Christmas Fair.

CHURCH SECURITY

To simplify the access to the church building, both external locks for the front door will be accessed by the same key from Friday 11th January. If you have any questions about the operation of the lock, please contact Alan Opie (07801 140422).

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
19 & 20 January	A Roberts	M Williamson	J McEwen	M Calvert	A Opie	AM Farnsworth	Peter & Kate	A McReynolds
26 & 27 January	GF	E O'Sullivan	M Latimer	A Opie	J Hale	E Price	Patsy & Yasmin	J Whelan

NOTICES

SVP FUND-RAISING CONCERT

On **Monday 4th February at 7.00pm in the Catholic Church in Farm Street, Mayfair** the SVP are holding a fund-raising concert to raise funds to cover the costs for the 12,000 Vinnie Packs sent out this winter and to support continuation of the project into next winter and beyond. The concert will feature **Alexander Armstrong** as compère and soloist, soprano **Miranda Heldt**, the **Choir With No Name** (members of which are currently homeless or recently affected by homelessness) and actor **Alex MacQueen**. Tickets cost £30 and must be pre-booked at eventbrite.co.uk (search for Vinnie Packs).

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

The Annual Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes takes place on **Saturday 9th February** at 2.00pm. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during Mass. All are welcome to attend. A special invitation is extended to all who are sick or infirm, all hospital chaplains, doctors, nurses, healthcare assistants and all who work in healthcare. If you or someone you know plan to attend in a wheelchair, please let Fr Shaun or Fr Damian know by Sunday 27th January.

CAP – CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY

The following courses will run at Mill End Baptist Church, Field Way, Rickmansworth, WD3 7EJ. These courses are free to participants.

8 week Fresh Start Course to support those who wish to overcome life-controlling issues (smoking, drinking, gambling). This course starts on February 7th 2019. Contact Annabel Brown on 07849678171 to find out more.

CAP Money Course teaches budgeting skills so that participants can budget, save and prevent debt. The daytime course starts on Monday 28th January 10am and the evening course starts Thursday 31st January 7.30pm. Check website www.millendbaptist.org or phone 01923 441115 for more details if needed.